

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are presented for consideration, with Claim 1 being independent.

Applicants note with appreciation that Claims 1-12 stand allowed. In order to expedite allowance, Claim 13 has been cancelled.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tago '598. Without conceding the propriety of this rejection, Claim 13 has been cancelled. This rejection is therefore deemed to be moot and should be withdrawn.

Applicant is submitting concurrently herewith a Submission of Replacement Sheet of Drawings showing Figure 1 labelled as "Prior Art" as required by the Examiner. Approval of the drawing change is respectfully requested.

SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed Japanese document is also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the document is provided by the accompanying English-language abstract.

Applicant certifies under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in the subject information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Specifically, this document was first cited in a Korean Official Letter

dated December 26, 2005, in a corresponding Korean patent application. A copy of the Official Letter that issued on that related application is enclosed.

Accompanying this paper is a check for \$180.00 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and §1.17(p).

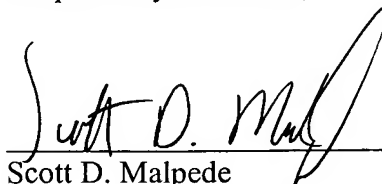
It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of this application is deemed to be in order and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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